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LIST OF CLAIMS, SHOWING THE STATUS OF EACH CLAIM

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~protease~~ subtilisin variant of a precursor ~~protease~~, said subtilisin variant comprising one or more modifications at a charged amino acid residue position, in the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3, said subtilisin variant being characterized by having the same net electrostatic charge as said precursor subtilisin ~~protease~~; wherein said subtilisin variant comprises an amino acid sequence having a substitution at the residue position equivalent to residue position 170, wherein said substitution comprises R170S, and further comprising a substitution at one or more positions corresponding to 27, 45, 181, 251 and 271, wherein the substitution is K27T, R45N, ~~R170S~~, D181N, K251G or E271T of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~protease~~ subtilisin variant of claim 3, further comprising an additional substitution at position corresponding to position 87, of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.
6. (Cancelled)

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7. (Previously Presented) A DNA encoding the protease variant of claim 3.
8. (Currently Amended) An expression vector encoding comprising the DNA of claim 7.
9. (Currently Amended) A host cell ~~transformed with~~ comprising the expression vector of claim 8.
10. (Currently Amended) A cleaning composition comprising the protease variant of claim 3 and a surfactant.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (New) The subtilisin of Claim 5, wherein said subtilisin comprises the set of substitutions P14R-R45N-R170S-G258R or S49R-G102E-R170S-E271T.